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Mr. Robert L. Morgan, State Engineer Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Rights 1636 West North Temple, Suite 220 Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-3156

Dear Bob:

As you are probably aware, the District has been working with various water users to transfer storage from Trial Lake to Jordanelle Reservoir prior to the 1993 runoff period. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife Resources for the State of Utah concerning the transfer of this storage. This letter is sent for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Don A. Christiansen

General Manager

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Enclosure



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Mr. Don Christiansen, General Manager Central Utah Water Conservancy District 355 West 1300 South Orem. Utah 84058

Attn: Richard Tullis

Dear Don:

Thank you for your consideration of fishery and wildlife values at Trial Lake while attempting to effect an exchange to store the water at Jordanelle Reservoir during 1993. The Division manages Trial Lake as a fishery through stocking of catchable rainbow trout annually and fingerling brook trout on an every other year basis. We do not believe the proposed drawdown to dead pool storage (300 acre-feet) for a short time (end of April to end of May) will adversely impact the reservoir fishery. Similarly, the maximum discharge rate from the dam of 32 cfs should not adversely affect the habitat or biota in the river downstream.

Our only concern for the exchange would be the risk factor involved with potentially not being able to refill Trial Lake after evacuating to the dead pool. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has indicated they expect that storage at Jordanelle Reservoir in 1993 will be determined primarily based on filling criteria and not on water supply. Jordanelle Reservoir is likely to meet the allowed storage in 1993 even without the Trial Lake water. However, we have no objection to the exchange as you have proposed it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed action.

Sincerely,

Timothy H. Provan

Director

Walt Hanks, U. S. Forest Service

Bob Williams, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

